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TENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the initial exercise for formulating Tenth Five Year Plan has been set in motion by the Government;

(b) if so, whether the Government have fixed priorities for this plan;

(c) if so, the sectors which are being brought under the purview of priority for development;

(d) whether the Planning Commission has also received suggestions in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a). Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). The exercise for the formulation of Tenth Five Year Plan has been initiated. Currently, the process for preparation of the Approach Paper to the Tenth Plan is underway. In the course of this exercise, major issues and thrust areas for the Plan are to be narrowed down and appropriately articulated for inclusion in the Plan.

The process of Plan formulation includes a well-defined consultative mechanism that uses inputs and suggestions from interest groups including those from the industrial, agricultural and service sectors, as well as professional bodies representing academicians, NGOs and other associations. In this regard, various Steering/Working Groups are being constituted for the Tenth Plan. The views from these bodies /agencies, experts and officials from the Centre and State Governments would be taken note of through the delibrations of these Groups.